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Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Please amend the application as follows, prior to calculation of the fees.

In the Claims

Please amend the claims as follows:

3. (amended) The adhesive preparation according to claim 1 [or 2] comprising the organic acid salt of 0.01-15% by weight.

4. (amended) The adhesive preparation according to claim 1 [or 2] comprising the base drug salt of 0.1-20% by weight.

5. (amended) The adhesive preparation according to [any one of] claim[s] 1 [to 3], characterized in that the organic acid salt is an acetic acid salt.

Please add the following new claims:

7. The adhesive preparation according to claim 2 comprising the organic acid salt of 0.01-15% by weight.

8. The adhesive preparation according to claim 2 comprising the base drug salt of 0.1-20% by weight.

9. The adhesive preparation according to claim 2, characterized in that the organic acid salt is an acetic acid salt.

10. The adhesive preparation according to claim 9, characterized in that the organic acid salt is sodium acetate.

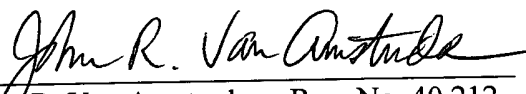
11. The adhesive preparation according to claim 3, characterized in that the organic acid salt is an acetic acid salt.

12. The adhesive preparation according to claim 11, characterized in that the organic acid salt is sodium acetate.

Remarks

Please enter this amendment prior to calculation of the fees. Original PCT claims 3, 4 and 5 were amended to remove multiple dependencies, and claims 7-12 were added accordingly to claim the subject matter of the original claims. New claim 7 corresponds to original claim 3. New claim 8 corresponds to original claim 4. New claims 9 and 11 correspond to original claim 5. New claims 10 and 12 correspond to original claim 6. No new matter has been added.

Respectfully submitted,


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